

# Swan Valley School Division Mental Health Resources

## Notice to Parents and Legal Guardians about Information Sharing

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The personal information that you share with the representative is being collected to provide services to you or your child. It is important for you to know that, according to The Protecting Children (Information Sharing) Act, the representative has the legal ability to share this information with other service providers without your consent or permission. However, under this act (law), the only way the representative can share personal information about you, or your child, with other service providers, is if he/she reasonably believes sharing the information is:

- in your child's best interests and
- necessary to plan or provide services or benefits to your child

Also, if the representative shares personal information about you, or your child, with another service provider, he/she must:

- share only the minimum (least) amount of information necessary to achieve the purpose for which it is shared
- include relevant information that the representative knows about your strengths and that of your child
- take reasonable steps to ensure that the information is accurate and not misleading
- ensure that sharing the information is not prohibited by another act (law), such as The Child and Family Services Act and The Youth Criminal Justice Act

As a service provider, the representative will carefully follow these rules about information sharing, and always keep in mind that the only way he/she can share personal information under this act is if he/she reasonably believes that it is in your child's best interests to do so. Please note that other laws may allow the representative to share personal information, according to different rules.

### For more information:

- Manitoba Government – The Protection of Children (Information Sharing) Act – Information for Parents and Legal Guardians: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/informationsharingact/parents-and-legalguardians.html>